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His Excellency, Governor Christopher T. Sununu
and the Honorable Executive Council
State House
Concord, New Hampshire 03301

REQUESTED ACTION

Pursuant to a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the Department of Environmental Services, approved at Governor & Council on January 23, 2019 (Item #76) and most recently amended on November 18, 2020 (Item #5B), the Department of Education respectfully request approval to authorize expenditures in the amount of \$1,357.82 from the Drinking Water and Groundwater Trust Fund with the below list of public schools; effective upon Governor and Council approval. 100% Drinking Water Trust Fund.

Funds are available in account titled, Lead Removal Drinking Water Funds, as follows:

06-56-56-563510-11810000-073-500583, Grants Non-Federal FY 2022
\$1,357.82

Vendor Code Number 177413

District Name	SAU	School Name	Project Description	Award
Hopkinton	66	Maple Street School	Replacement of bubbler	\$539.98
Hopkinton	66	Harold Martin School	Installation of low-lead faucets and filters	\$259.37
Hopkinton	66	Hopkinton Middle High School	Installation of low-lead faucets and associated plumbing; replacement of bubbler	\$558.47

Total for this item: \$1,357.82

EXPLANATION

The Drinking Water and Groundwater Trust Fund was created in 2016, using \$276 million of MtBE trial judgement funds, as authorized by RSA 485-F. The purpose of the Trust Fund is to provide sustainable, long-term funding for protection, preservation, and enhancement of the drinking water and groundwater resources of the state. The Drinking Water and Groundwater Advisory Commission was established to administer the Trust Fund and to provide guidance to the State on the use of the Trust Fund. On August 30, 2018, the Advisory Commission voted to authorize the Department of Education's request for \$1,600,000 of grant funding for NH's K-12 schools to remove lead found in their drinking water systems.

On January 23, 2019, the Governor and Executive Council authorized the approval of a grant agreement between the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) and the New Hampshire Department of Education (NHDOE) in the total amount of \$1,600,000 under the provisions of RSA 485:F for the NH's K-12 Schools Removal of Lead in Drinking Water project. This agreement was subsequently amended and approved on June 5, 2019 (Item #5G), by changing the eligibility date for reimbursement from February 8, 2018 to May 17, 2016 to allow schools that were proactive in their lead remediation efforts. Then on November 18, 2020, this agreement was amended and approved (item #5B) to extend the MOA through December 2022. The Districts will use the grant funds to support the lead remediation efforts in NH schools by reimbursing public, public-charter, and non-public schools, K-12, for 50% of the lead remediation costs, where needed and as shown through testing.

Respectfully submitted,



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